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Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
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Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
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RE: Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Approval to Modify
Residential Energy Assessments Program
Docket No. 2016-80-E

Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC Requesting Approval of Its
Proposed Residential Energy Assessment Program
Docket No. 2016-82-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

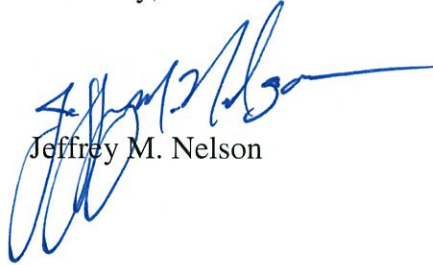
By this letter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that ORS has reviewed and does not oppose, the requests submitted by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (the "Companies") in the above referenced dockets on January 14, 2020. The Companies propose to make certain modifications to their Residential Energy Assessment ("REA") Programs (the "Programs"), including internal Program changes and tariff revisions, in order to offer additional measures at a reduced cost for customers who decide to purchase them at the time of the home energy audit/assessment, and to increase the cost-effectiveness of the Programs.

The Companies propose internal Program changes that includes offering additional measures for sale to customers directly from the energy specialist at a discounted cost to facilitate customers' ability to follow the energy specialist's recommendations. The additional measures would be installed during the in-house assessment and could include measures such as, but not limited to, the following: handheld low-flow showerheads, specialty lighting, recessed LED bulbs, and smart thermostats.

The Companies also propose Program tariff revisions that includes adding a provision to clarify that any current and future environmental, energy efficiency, and demand reduction benefits and attributes, including all reporting and compliance rights, will be retained by the Companies in consideration of the incentivizing discounted purchase price.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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